

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date – May 13, 2009
Time - 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ted Fosberg Jean Spohn

Chris Ndifon Ed Dacy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sheryl Knowles Larry Moormeier

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager

Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager

GUESTS PRESENT

Councilmember Rose Clark

Gordon Wilson, FCS Group

Chris Ndifon called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & AGENDA REVIEW

The Board added item regarding Urban Art to be presented by Councilmember Clark, approved 4/0/0.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the March 11, 2009 meeting were approved 4/0/0.

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

URBAN ART

- Councilmember Clark informed the Board of upcoming discussions regarding Urban Art in Burien and invited members to attend and meet with Thomas Sieberts on July 2, 2009, invitations to follow.

PRESENTATION

- Debbie Zemke and Gordan Wilson updated the Board on the Recreation Fee Policy proposal and provided materials for further review.

In November 2008, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department consulted with FCS Group to prepare a cost of service study and recommend a fee policy for the City's recreation programs and facility rentals.

Although parks and recreation services are an integral function of municipal government and supported by taxpayer resources, charging fees for services that generate a greater benefit for an individual or specialized group has been a long-standing practice in the parks and recreation field. Parks and Recreation Departments have also depended on fees to supplement the Department's regular budget that is allocated through the City's General Fund.

In multiple jurisdictions across the country, tax allocations from City budgets simply cannot sustain current services. The result is that many services either need to be more self-sustaining or eliminated. Parks and recreation services acknowledge the increasing need to become even more revenue-dependent.

This fee policy provides recommendations for the creation of a coherent rationale that could guide the management and pricing of recreation programs and rentals.

ACTION ITEM

- Approval of Linde Hill Park Name
 - The Board approved for recommendation to City Council, the name Linde Hill Park for the newly developed park and stormwater pond located on 141st St. Approved 4/0/0.

DISCUSSION

- The Annual Park and Recreation Board Report to City Council was reviewed and discussed. Staff will send revised drafts to the Board for final review prior to Council presentation on June 1, 2009. Board Chair Christopher Ndifon will present to Council.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS

- Discussion: June 10 Pea Patch Development and Operations; invite Sustainable Burien
- Parks Tour for second half of the June 10 meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- The Puget Sound Partnership visited and toured the Environmental Science Center.
- Volunteers from the Shorewood Park community will be pursuing grant funding through Starbucks to assist the volunteer work done at Shorewood Park.
- A donor has requested the planting, as a memorial, of a few native plants at the entrance to Shorewood Park. The agreement to plant will require a one-year maintenance commitment by the donor.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Roemer, Parks Manager , Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services